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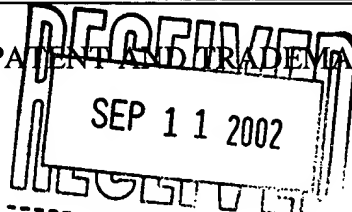
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For : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIRECT IMAGE PICK-UP OF
GRANULAR SPECK PATTERN GENERATED BY REFLECTING
LIGHT OF LASER BEAM**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. DE 197 39 679 A1 appears to show reflected light detected by a CCD detector.
2. French 2 701 762 appears to show a telescope (10) with a CCD camera (12).
3. DE 198 17 664 A1 appears to show a focusing lens system for a laser (1) and a detector (8).
4. DE 199 09 235 A1 appears to show a camera lens system.

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5. DE 196 20 419 A1 appears to show a laser (2) focused by lens (3) on target (1) with reflected light passing through lens (4) to sensors (5).

Applicant further brings to the attention of the Examiner U.S. Patent Application No. 09/838,905 entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS TO MEASURE AMOUNT OF MOVEMENT USING GRANULAR SPECK PATTERNS GENERATED BY REFLECTING LASER BEAM**, filed April 20, 2001, by Kenichiro Kobayashi, a copy of which is attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

Respectfully submitted,

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